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RE Docket # 98N-1038 Irradiation
in the production, processing & handling of food.
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Dear FDA Official;

Any food product must properly identify such if it has been irradiated. No wessel words such as "cold pasturization" should be substituted for the word irradiation. Also the Atomic symbol should be included in the packaging or signage. As a consumer who at age 60 has no chronic diseases and as of yet never spent a day in a hospital and follows primarily a fresh food vegan diet I believe my rights would be violated unless I can easily tell if a food has been irradiated.

I'm not a Luddite but I am shocked how easily the federal government rolled over on the Bovine Growth Hormone labeling issue. I have consequently almost (not quite) eliminated milk products from my diet.

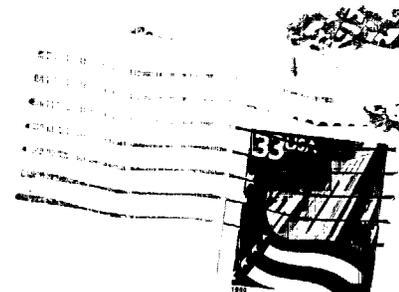
I hope you have the understanding that you work for the people not the corporations and consequently it is your public duty to assure the people can tell easily if food has been irradiated.

Sincerely,
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